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- EP 0 941 815 discloses a robot system and machining method with robot system. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to European claims 1 - 7, 10 - 21 and 24.

- EP 1 038 640 discloses a robot controller. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to European claims 1 - 24.

- EP 0 671 246 discloses the use of robot control. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to European claims 16 and 17.

- U.S. Patent 4,891,765 discloses a control system. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to European claims 1 - 24. No copy of this U.S. Patent is being

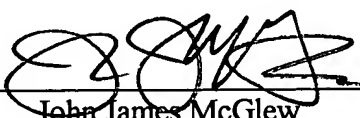
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- U.S. Patent 4,694,139 discloses a guidance device for a laser beam for three-dimensional machining of workpieces. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to European claims 1 - 24. No copy of this U.S. Patent is being submitted at this time in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office rule.

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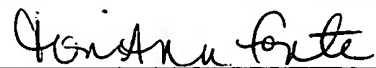
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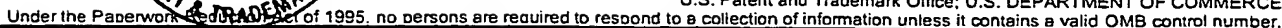
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